

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

)	No. ED102737
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In the Interest of L.A.B.)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of St. Francois County
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)	Hon. Sandy Martinez
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)	FILED: December 29, 2015

The Department of Social Services, Children's Division, appeals the order of the juvenile division of the circuit court of St. Francois County instructing Children's Division to designate a person to make end-of-life medical decisions for a child in the Division's custody.

REVERSED.

DIVISION ONE HOLDS: The juvenile court is vested with the responsibility to authorize end-of-life medical decisions on behalf of and in the best interests of children under its jurisdiction. The court may not delegate that duty.

Opinion by: Lisa Van Amburg, Chief Judge
Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J. and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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